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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL OF MR. GILBERT B. DEVEY, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, TO RABAT, 12-13 NOVEMBER 1976.

1. DEVEY IS HEAD, MIDDLE EAST SECTION, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WAS MEMBER U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION RECENT CASTARAB MEETING. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO MEET WITH MR. ABDELLATIF BEN ABDELJLIL (MIN. HIGHER ED.) TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL ROLE FOR NSF IN TECHNICAL STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY CASTARAB STEERING COMMITTEE TO DEFINE TASKS AND ORGANS OF AN ARAB FUND FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH. ABDELJLIL SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF NEWLY ORGANIZED STEERING COMMITTEE AND DEVEY MENTIONED NSF INTEREST IN TECHNICAL STUDY TO HIM DURING CASTARAB.

2. PROPOSED DATES CONVENIENT TO DEVEY SINCE HE WOULD VISIT RABAT ON RETURN TO WASHINGTON FROM CAIRO. DEVEY REALIZES ABDELJLIL MAY ATTEND UNESCO MEETING IN NAROBİ AT TIME OF PROPOSED VISIT. SHOULD ABDELJLIL BE UNAVAILABLE DEVEY WOULD RE-SCHEDULE VISIT POSSIBLY FOR DECEMBER.

3. ASSUMING PROPOSED DATES ACCEPTABLE DEVEY ETA CASABLANCA
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THURS. 11 NOVEMBER AT 251 WITH DEPARTURE CASABLANCA SUNDAY

14 NOVEMBER TW 901. REQUEST EMB TRANSPORTATION CASABLANCA

TO RABAT AND OBTAIN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TOUR HASSAN OR
HILTON FOR NIGHTS OF 11, 12, 13 NOVEMBER.

4. DEVEY HOPES EMB OFFICIAL WILL JOIN HIM IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH ABDELJLIL. WILL NEED INTERPRETER IF DISCUSSIONS HELD
IN FRENCH OR ARABIC. ROBINSON

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